



Saratoga County Trails Grant Program

2016

For 2016 Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has once again set aside matching grant funding to assist municipalities in the construction of trails. This grant program is a 50/50 matching grant with county funding awarded directly to the municipality when the project is completed. The required local match can be either cash or in-kind services or a combination of both.

Eligible Costs: Costs eligible for funding include construction or reconstruction of trails, survey work, scoping reports and feasibility studies. Grant awards will be capped at \$10,000. The grant award is able to be phased comprising 1/3 of the total grant award based upon supporting documentation of matching dollars spent on the project.

Eligible Applicants: Saratoga County Municipalities

Application Period: May 2, 2016 through July 2, 2016

Application components to be submitted are as follows:

Project Cover Sheet:

- ❖ Title of Proposed Project:

- ❖ Location of Proposed Project including Tax Map number, Project Address:

- ❖ Proposed Trail Length:

- ❖ Proposed Construction Material:

- ❖ Project Contact and Sponsoring Organization address, telephone number and email address.

Project Summary-Brief proposal description:

- ❖ Description of the property and its current use:

- ❖ Is Right of Way (ROW) owned or controlled by Applicant?
- ❖ Property's local and regional importance as a trail connection:
- ❖ Proposed project's compliance with local plans such as Municipal Comprehensive Plan, Green Infrastructure, Linkage Plan, Municipal Trails Plan, New York State Open Space Plan.

Project Budget:

- ❖ Total estimated cost of Proposed Project:
 - Design and Survey:
 - Plan Preparation:
 - Construction:
- ❖ Amount and sources of other outside funding sources:
- ❖ Amount of County Grant funds being requested:

Project Maps: (Saratoga County Planning Dept. can assist in the preparation of Project Maps if necessary)

- ❖ Location map showing street names and important landmarks
- ❖ Aerial photo with tax map overlay
- ❖ Locations of connecting trails and associated amenities and nearby cultural resources.

Project Ranking Considerations

Items will be ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 lowest value, 5 highest value.

Resource Protection

- Proximity to protected water body/waterway/aquifer
- Wildlife Habitat corridor
- Close proximity to significant wetlands complex
- Scenic view shed

- Provides public access
- Proximity to other parklands

Community Resource

- Important to rural character of municipality
- Proximity to expanding residential growth
- Located close to public infrastructure
- Connectivity of Trail to other public Resources
- Provides viable transportation alternative in populated area
- Allows for multi-use trail

Local Support

- Municipal designation as an important Community Resource as evidence in a Town adopted ordinance
- Matching Funding Sources confirmed as evidenced by a letter from entities providing the match.

Other

- Applicant can provide additional narrative regarding the proposed project that will help the County Trails Committee understand its importance to the surrounding landscape, community and why it should be a top priority for grant funding.

**Submit 1 electronic copy via email and 5 hard copies of
the application either by Mail or In Person to**

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